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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): YOSHIOKA, et al.

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For: METHOD OF PROCESSING SPECIMENS, AND APPARATUS
THEREFOR AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURE OF A
MAGNETIC HEAD

Group: 1746

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 31, 2000

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the original specification and substitute therefor the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1, line 2, delete "the" and insert --a--, same line
2, after "specimen" insert --,--;

line 3, delete "which is";

line 11, after "after" insert --the--.

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Claim 3, line 3, delete "in" and insert --a--.